--- The John McKay Report - Green Strips - February 2nd 1900 ---

--- 1 Pound - CANADA LEAF ONLY - "Series of 1880-81" ---

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department decreed that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

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The green 1 pound strip *did not* become obsolete in July 1883, but remained in production until it was gradually supplanted by the *recess printed* green 1 pound "Series of 1883", which first appeared after 1886. These 65,000 "Green Leaf" strips must have been inscribed CANADA LEAF ONLY since in the same Contract McKay separately lists green 1 pound "English Twist" and "French Twist" strips. Thus the listed total was made-up of CANADA LEAF ONLY strips.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) — McKay in the first 'TOBACCO' section records the 'delivery' of 12,000 *lithographed* copies of "1 lb. Green Canada Leaf". These would be *control-numbered* CANADA LEAF ONLY strips which were 'Delivered' to the Area Collectors in 1886-87. Once again John McKay separately lists the "Twist" strips.

Lastly in the second 'TOBACCO' section of the **4th BABN Contract** John McKay lists the 'delivery' of 295,958 *lithographed* copies of 1 lb. "Green Ribbon". These would be their remaining stock of 1880-81 green strips, which had been declared obsolete, and were 'Delivered' to the Department by BABN in February / March 1888 for disposal. I feel that a few of these must have been CANADA LEAF ONLY strips.

The control numbered 1 pound CANADA LEAF ONLY strips - 'Delivered' by BABN

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	**"**1 lb. Green Leaf"	65,000
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	**"**1 lb. Green Canada Leaf"	12,000
		77,000

The highest control number on the 1 pound CANADA LEAF ONLY green strips - as recorded to date

1 pound Division Open -	**024453**
1 pound Joliette Division -	**026969**
1 pound Montreal Division -	**001193**
1 pound Quebec Division -	**004359**
1 pound Windsor Division -	**028785**
	85,759

Additionally the following **1/5 lb.** overprints occur on these 1 pound strips. I feel that they have been counted in the 1/5th pound sequence. The recorded total of 1 pound CANADA LEAF ONLY strips is already too high without the inclusion of the following.

RP-411 - **1/5 lb.** on 1 pound "Canada Leaf Only" - Montreal	**006936**
RP-419a - **1/5 lb.** on 1 pound "Canada Leaf Only" - Quebec	**031582**
RP-427 - **1/5 lb.** on 1 pound "Canada Leaf Only" - Windsor	**044954**

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